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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
 THROUGH : Deputy Director for Intelligence  
 SUBJECT : Japanese Election Returns

1. The figures used in this morning's CIB were obtained from Associated Press and later confirmed by Embassy Tokyo. They are:

LDP	277
(plus eight* independents expected to join)	285
JSP	140
DSP	30
Komeito	25
JCP	5
Independent (in addition to eight above)	1
	<u>486</u>

2. The Post correctly used the 285 figure in its story by Richard Halloran. However, its editorial writer garbled his figures to show a JCP loss of 1 seat rather than a gain. He was also mixed up on the JSP, which had originally held 144 seats and had lost three of these before the election. He took this as the election loss, ending with a figure of 141.

3. The Times used the 277 figure but did not mention the independents. It did not note the JSP's earlier loss of three seats, showing instead a loss from 144 to 140.

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\* We said "some" in the CIB.

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It also added a zero to the DSP gain--"30 for a gain of 70"; the true gain was 7.

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